

VVA #1 Meeting Minutes for  
10 Members present

January 4, 1996

Meeting called to order at 6:20PM

Pledge of Allegance

12/7/95 minutes read....motion made to accept, passed  
Treasurer's report read....motion made to accept, passed

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Honor the Vet Program....3 New members
- a) Eastman's Office Supplies 10% Discount
- b) Back Home Cafe 20% Discount
- c) The Vacant Chair 25% Discount

NEW Member Mike Kelly.....Motion made by Bill Higgins for  
VVA-#1 to pay for his membership the first year due to his  
Bosnian service. Seconded by K. Hoerr....Passed.

Membership Committee report made, motioned, seconded, passed

Newsletter: Deadline for articles to be in is the 10th of  
each month. New ideas for articles discussed including the  
plan to have a different Vet each month to talk about their  
various military experiences. Kim Hoerr will do future sales  
for our newsletter. Current mailing list was passed out.

V. P. Faye discussed the St. Albans memorial and the Freedom  
medal legislation as well as Veterans Licence Plates.

Sec. Barnes made a report on progress regarding the Gulf War  
Syndrome.

No new information available on scholarships.

Request to send Linda Schwartz thank you for her service. I  
sent a letter of thanks out in preview of a Certificate of  
appreciation which Beth H. will produce.

Display at Green Mtn. Bank discussed. Photos, news items,  
and any other vets materials to use to present the Vietnam  
war. Check on deadline??? Where is archival material?

Brainstorming session will take place after regular meeting  
to come up with ideas for funding. Rip-off tickets to be  
used at some of the local taverns. Voted on and okayed.

Suggestion for an outing later in the year will be temporary  
tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

*additions Pokes run accepted*

VVA Chapter One meeting minutes

11/2/96

18 Members Present

Meeting called to order by the President at 1807 Hours.

Pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain was absent at this meeting.

All present introduced themselves as there were new members present.

Secretary's report of the last meeting of 10/5/96

Motion made and carried to accept as read.

VVA#1 hit the century mark at this meeting.

Treasurers report was given by John Pintello.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Color Guard report was given and the Veterans Day Ceremonies were mentioned. Also the color guard met on 11/11/96 at the cite of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in the park at 1000 hours. Photos were taken and an article was written by the Herald Staff.

Honor the Vet Program is still growing, The new members were mentioned and our count is at 26.

The Vermont Vietnam recognition day will be held at the Fair Grounds and Tom Reardon is attempting to arrange for entertainment. Local Hotels (Holiday Inn) etc. will have special rates for those whose units attend. confirmation date for this event is March 30, 1997. Committees will need to be formed including such as a PR Chairman, vendors etc. Security and parking is also an issue as well as clean up after the event. Radio, TV and newspaper people say they will cover the event.

Membership report by Dick Doyle. VVA#1 has broken the 100 member mark as we now have 104 members. That is the largest number in the history of the State of Vermont. A new goal for this year is 125 members. As to the contest with St. Albans which we will win; there President will have to present our President with their Chapter Patch.

Newsletter: We need contributors with articles.

As to who is eligible to be on our monument at the park. Anyone whose home of record is Rutland County will be eligible to be on the monument. Please correct me if this is in error.

A report given by Steve Faye states that 14 of Nationals people have been dismissed for such things as misappropriation of funds as well as other offenses. National is broke at this time. All advertising has ceased as well. The next State Council meeting will be at the American legion on the third Saturday of January.

B. Barnes explained the result of the VA cuts and how it effects the patients and the staff.

Product sales was listed and many items have sold and we need to place an order immediatly. Sales will continue to grow if we have the products. Barnes turned in \$177.00 in

total sales with a balance in the area of \$36.00 still remaining as soon as a correct inventory of what I've sold to this point.

OLD BUSINESS: A play will be put on in the Fox room at the Rutland Free Library. Future dates are in the process of being scheduled. 11/11/96 at 1630 was the first local production. The WALK FOR PEACE (Auschwitz to Vietnam) had been carried out in December of 1994. Many Countrys' were visited. This symbolic march accomplished some healing for those involved. Items from American soldiers were seen at various vendors in Thailand and in Vietnam.

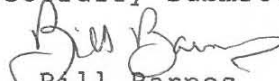
NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made and carried to move December's meeting to Vergenes at 1600 hours, 12/07/96.

A motion to donate \$100.00 to the March of Dimes, also a donation to the family of a Veteran killed in a vehicle crash was also made. Both motions carried. Another motion to donate \$50.00 to the volunteer services office was made, 2nded and carried unanimously.

Tom Reardon and myself have made contact with the Canadian Veterans organization (Canadian Vietnam Veterans of Quebec.

A motion to adjourn was made, 2nded and carried at 1915 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bill Barnes  
Secretary